

PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT SERVICES DEPARTMENT July 31, 2015

Ms. LeAnne Stolte Pinnacle Consulting, Inc. 1426 North Marvin Street, Suite 101. Gilbert, Arizona 85233

SUBJECT: Minor Amendment for Temporary Cell Tower within UMC North PAD – 3838 North Campbell Avenue

Dear Ms. Stolte,

I have reviewed your letter (attached) requesting a minor amendment for the temporary cell tower located on Allen Road within the UMC North PAD.

The proposed minor amendment request is:

1) To allow the Temporary Cell Tower (COW) to remain in place until the new proposed site is operational. In order to avoid interruption in service in the area, the COW is needed until January 31, 2016.

It is determined that this minor amendment request is an insubstantial change and is approved subject to the following conditions:

- 1. \$5,000 bond required for this time extension.
- 2. Time extension expires February 1, 2016.

This minor amendment is supported by the following:

- 1. Minor amendment conforms to the criteria allowed for insubstantial changes (UMC North PAD, 3.10.4, p. 25).
- 2. Minor amendment is not in conflict with the overall intent as expressed in the PAD which allowed for the COW and is still in line with the overall phasing of the PAD as described in Section 3.9 *Phasing* (UMC North PAD, 3.8.5 and 3.9, p. 24).

Website: www.tucsonaz.gov/pdsd

Please contact John Beall at (520) 837-6966 or email <u>John.Beall@tucsonaz.gov</u> if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Ernie Duarte, Director

Planning & Development Services Department

CC: Nicole Russell, Sr. Site Acquisition Manager, AT&T Scott September, Area Manager, Real Estate and Construction, AT&T

Attachment: Applicant's Request



July 23, 2015

John Beall Principal Planner City of Tucson 201 North Stone Avenue Tucson, AZ 85701

RE: Temporary Cell Tower within UMC North PAD – Special Exception SE-04-13, 3838 North Campbell Avenue

Mr. Beall,

Pursuant to our meeting on July 7, 2015, this letter is being submitted in connection with AT&T's formal request of a time extension to the above-mentioned project and Special Exception. AT&T respectfully requests a time extension through January 31, 2016 as detailed below.

In anticipation of placing its facilities on the rooftop of the UMC, now known as Banner, future building expansion, AT&T secured approval to place a Temporary Cell Tower ("COW") at the address noted above to provide coverage to the area due to subscriber demand and ongoing service complaints received by AT&T. As noted above, the original intent of the project was to locate a new permanent site on the rooftop and transfer the service from the COW. In November 2014, AT&T received notice from UMC indicating their anticipated expansion plans had been put on hold due to economic "constraints" and were terminating the temporary site due to an expired permit. Per the lease between AT&T and UMC, the facility was to be removed no later than July 20, 2015. At the time of receipt of the termination letter, AT&T began the search for a new permanent site to place their wireless facilities. The result of this search, coupled with AT&T's acquisition of the Cricket assets in Tucson, yielded the project currently proposed at 1802 E. Roger Road. As Scott September, Area Manager for AT&T, mentioned, the COW was left in place much longer than originally anticipated to enable AT&T to locate a new site, in addition to various internal reasons.

As discussed during our meeting, AT&T purchased certain assets of Cricket Communications in the greater Tucson area, of which the existing site located at 1802 E. Roger Road was a part. Pursuant to that purchase agreement between AT&T and Cricket, AT&T is required to keep the existing site in tact until September 15, 2015. At that time, AT&T can

remove the existing antennas and replace them with the equipment that was approved under Special Exception SE-15-01 dated January 13, 2015. Together with budgetary constraints imposed by AT&T National Headquarters, the local AT&T office will not be able to begin construction on the new site until October 1, 2015. The scope of work required to complete the new site includes coordination with Tucson Electric Power (the antennas are mounted on a power pole) as well as extensive ground work, including expansion of the existing compound. This work is anticipated to take approximately 4-6 months once AT&T completes all necessary regulatory approvals. Thus, in order to avoid an interruption in service in the area, the COW noted above must remain in place until January 31, 2016 to provide sufficient time to complete the work necessary to bring the new site up to the current technological standards of AT&T and on air.

As requested, we have secured written consent from Banner Health for a six (6) month extension to allow the COW to remain in place to afford AT&T sufficient time to complete the transition to the new site. A copy of that consent is included with this letter.

In addition, as required per your email dated July 7, 2015 to Nicole Russell and Scott September of AT&T, enclosed are the following:

- An aerial of the site identifying the location East of N. Campbell Avenue, North of E. Allen Road
- Photo of the COW
- Check in the amount of \$236.50
- Note: \$5,000 cash bond was forwarded directly to City of Tucson offices by AT&T

Please do not hesitate to contact us should you have any questions or require further information. Thank you for your time and assistance with this matter.

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LeAnne Stolte

Site Acquisition Representative

On behalf of AT&T

CC: Nicole Russell, Sr. Site Acquisition Manager, AT&T Scott September, Area Manager, Real Estate and Construction, AT&T